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GLOBAL TRADE IN SEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the share of India in the global trade in seeds;

(b) whether the Government proposes to increase India`s share in the global trade in seeds;

(c) if so, the measures proposed to be taken to achieve the target; and

(d) the time by which the target is likely to be achieved?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)to(d): As per World Seed Trade Statistics, India has sixth largest size of domestic seed market in the world, estimated to be at 1300 million dollars. However, India`s share in global trade in seeds (import & export) is of about 37 million dollars. Government has not fixed any target for increasing seed export. However, various measures have been taken to promote and facilitate India`s share in global seed trade, which include India`s participation in Organization for Economic Cooperation & Development (OECD) Seed Schemes to facilitate International movement of seeds and supporting Central and State Seed Testing Laboratories for becoming members of International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) to achieve global standards.